

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image reproduction apparatus comprising:  
a scanning device;  
a transparent scanning bed optically coupled to said scanning unit; and  
an adjustable shade associated with said scanning bed;  
wherein said adjustable shade is configured to be selectively placed across said scanning bed to reduce a portion of said scanning bed.
2. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said scanning unit comprises:  
a photoconductive platen; and  
a light source optically coupled to said scanning unit.
3. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said scanning bed is configured to receive a document.
4. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 3, wherein said scanning bed comprises glass.
5. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 3, wherein said scanning bed comprises plastic.
6. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, wherein said adjustable shade comprises an opaque material.
7. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 6, wherein said adjustable shade further comprises a shade reel including a spring and a lock mechanism.

8. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 7, wherein said opaque material is coiled around said shade reel.

9. The image reproduction apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an adjustable shade disposed on each side of said scanning bed.

10. The image reproduction device of claim 9, wherein said adjustable shades are coupled to said image reproduction device and said adjustable shades are configured to be drawn to a desired length, maintain said desired length for a desired length of time, and to be retracted by a spring and lock mechanism.

11. A method of adjusting the target area of an image reproduction apparatus comprising:

drawing a shade from a shade reel across a scanning bed;  
placing said object on said drawn shade; and  
scanning said object.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said drawing a shade comprises:  
measuring a distance from said shade to a furthest point of a certain condition; and  
extending said shade equal to said distance.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein said shade comprises an opaque material;  
wherein said opaque material is configured to prevent the scanning of an object.

14. An adjustable shade comprising:  
a shade reel configured to be coupled to an image reproduction apparatus; and  
an opaque material coupled to said shade reel;  
wherein said shade is configured to adjust a scan target area of said image reproduction apparatus.

15. The adjustable shade of claim 14, wherein said opaque material is concentrically wrapped around said shade reel.

16. The adjustable shade of claim 15, wherein said shade reel further comprises a spring and lock mechanism.

17. The adjustable shade of claim 16, wherein said spring and lock mechanism is configured to permit said opaque material to be drawn to a desired length, maintain said desired length for a desired length of time, and to be retracted to said shade reel.

18. The adjustable shade of claim 14, wherein an underside of said shade is configured to reflect an emitted light.

19. The adjustable shade of claim 18, wherein said underside of said shade is white.

20. A scanning device for eliminating unwanted areas of a scanned image, said scanning device comprising:

means for scanning; and

means for shading;

wherein said means for shading is configured to selectively reduce an effective scanning area of said means for scanning.

21. The scanning device of claim 20, wherein said means for scanning comprises:  
a scanning unit; and  
a transparent scanning bed optically coupled to said scanning unit.

22. The scanning device of claim 20, wherein said means for shading comprises:  
a shade reel, and  
an opaque material coupled to said shade reel.

23. The scanning device of claim 22, wherein said shade reel comprises a spring and lock mechanism configured to allow selective retraction and restoration of said shade reel.